



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
 United States Patent and Trademark Office  
 Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450  
 www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING OR 371 (c) DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER
10/812,953	03/31/2004	Toshiaki Takahashi	249593US3

CONFIRMATION NO. 4891

22850  
 OBLON, SPIVAK, MCCLELLAND, MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.  
 1940 DUKE STREET  
 ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314

FORMALITIES LETTER



\*OC000000012908098\*

Date Mailed: 06/09/2004

NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

**Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:**

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.

*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*

Replies should be mailed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria VA 22313-1450

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

*R. Wagner*

Customer Service Center

Initial Patent Examination Division (703) 308-1202

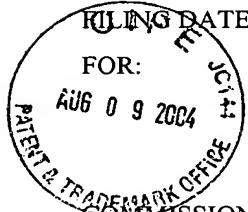
PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Toshiaki TAKAHASHI, et al.

SERIAL NUMBER: 10/812,953

ATTN: APPLICATION BRANCH



FILING DATE: March 31, 2004

FOR: SHEET CASSETTE, SHEET FEEDING DEVICE AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the notification dated June 9, 2004, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(f), Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration.

The required fee was paid at the time of filing the application.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,  
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.



C. Irvin McClelland  
Registration No. 21,124

Surinder Sachar  
Registration No. 34,423

Customer Number

**22850**

Tel. (703) 413-3000  
Fax. (703) 413-2220  
(OSMMN 05/03)

I:\USER\MICKS\249s\249593US FILING DEC.DOC



ATTN: APPLICATION BRANCH

**THIS IS A RESPONSE TO A  
NOTICE TO FILE MISSING  
PARTS OF AN APPLICATION**

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

Re: Inventor: Toshiaki TAKAHASHI, et al.  
Serial No: 10/812,953  
Filed: March 31, 2004  
For: SHEET CASSETTE, SHEET FEEDING DEVICE AND IMAGE  
FORMING APPARATUS

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Notice to File Missing Parts  
Filing of Declaration/Declaration  
Information Disclosure Statement  
PTO Form 1449  
IDS/Related/List of Related Cases  
Cited References (1)  
Cited Pending Application (9)

Our check in the amount of **\$0.00** is attached covering any required fees. In the event that any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 CFR 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,  
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

C. Irvin McClelland  
Registration No. 21,124

Surinder Sachar  
Registration No. 34,423

Customer Number

**22850**

Tel. (703) 413-3000  
Fax. (703) 413-2220  
(OSMMN 05/03)  
I:\USER\MIKES\249s\249593US SHT PTO CVR.DOC